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New routers improve service

Ben Shanno
Senior Reporter

The computer services staff has completed many improvements and upgrades in the past two months and more are on the way.

Earlier this term, routing equipment in the computer services department was randomly crashing, hindering students' access to the Internet from their dorm rooms. This problem was particularly inconvenient when the hardware and software went down in the evening or during the weekend.

Computer services addressed the problem by installing new routing equipment after consultation and an outside analysis had been completed. They effectively fixed the ResNet problem and more with the purchases.

"We're happier probably in computer services than all the students in residence hall environments," said Marv Ott, director of computer services. "It was a real frustration and aggravation for a period of time." Ott added that, to his knowledge, there had not been any further outages after the installation of the new equipment.

Students are quite pleased as well.

"It's not as stressful knowing there's a computer you can use [to connect to the Internet]," said freshman Maggie Gibney.

"E-mail is our biggest communication device, so it is nice that it works all the time now instead of sporadically," said freshman Katy Pralle.

Computer services replaced the ResNet router "with a piece of network equipment that has applications to some things we're doing to upgrade the network," Ott said. This piece of equipment has firewall capabilities associated with it and also performs administrative tasks.

Other results of the analysis show that Wartburg has a large amount of bandwidth tied up in services such as Napster and other file-sharing agencies. This creates a dilemma for system administrators.

"We're not of a mind to censor the traffic, so to speak. At this stage we haven't made any policy decisions to shut off services like Napster," Ott said. "However, we will probably end up doing something with network equipment devices that handle switching communications. That will allow us to shape the traffic, somewhat."

The "shaping" Ott refers to is a buzzword in the computer industry. "Packet shaping" involves prioritizing devices by IP address, giving higher priority to some things over others. This means that a student trying to use Internet Explorer or Netscape will have a higher priority for the bandwidth than a student using Napster or a Napster-like service. Ott added that in most circumstances students would not notice a difference in services such as AOL Instant Messenger or other communication software if packet shaping was used on campus.

Also, at this point in the term, computer services wants to draw students' attention to the need for vigilance when using computers and computer disks.

Virus activity on campus computers has increased in the past few months, Ott said. To try to combat viruses, students can take their disks to computer services in CTC 100 to have them scanned and repaired.

"Especially here at the end of the term where there are final projects and papers ... it's pretty frustrating to lose your document completely or have your diskette rendered inoperable," Ott said.

Katie Shannon/TRUMPET
KEEP ON PLAYING—Senior Nick Robertson and freshman Paul Gravdal, members of the band Solace, won second place in the Battle of the Unsigned Artists competition put on by ETK Saturday night. The band won $250 for its effort. Chris Reece won $500 for taking first place.

Clarification

Security would like to clarify that the driver of the SUV caught driving on Wartburg's campus early Sunday morning, March 25, was not drinking. The driver of the vehicle was the only one in the vehicle that had not been drinking. All of the occupants have been referred to the Student Conduct Board.; the three passengers for underage alcohol consumption and the driver for driving on the grounds. The owner of the SUV was not the driver, but was in the vehicle.

ASL no longer foreign language requirement

Emily Seboldt
Contributing Writer

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) voted March 21 to rescind American Sign Language (ASL) as meeting the foreign language requirement. However, ASL will still be offered under the social work department, which submtted the proposal.

In early February, EPC approved SW 195 Special Topics: American Sign Langauge as meeting the foreign language requirement for the 2001-2002 school year.

In the week following the decision, EPC received material from the English and modern language department. Prior to making its original decision, EPC was unaware that all instructors in the English and modern language department had not seen the proposal previously.

In the March 7 meeting, EPC voted that this material from the English and modern language department instructors be reviewed by the General Education Subcommittee (GES) for the purpose of reconsidering the course's classification as meeting the foreign language requirement.

In the March 14 EPC meeting, it was reported that GES had reviewed the proposal and saw no reason to reconsider the course.

At this meeting, EPC heard a report from Yvonne Losch, assistant professor of German, representing the foreign language department. Dr. Paul Hedeen, associate professor of English, was also present in support of the foreign language side.

Because of an earlier precedent concerning two departments' involvement in one course and requiring approval of both departments, EPC voted that its previous approval of ASL as meeting a foreign language requirement be rescinded to comply with past practice.

Junior Katie McCrindle, student ombudsman to EPC, said that Susan Vallem, chair of the social work department, withdrew its request for the foreign language requirement since 25 seniors who already have their foreign language requirement fulfilled are enrolled in the class for Fall Term. However, Vallem said the department will re-submit its proposal next year with revisions.

Losch conducted the foreign language department's research.

"The research focused mainly on reviewing the original proposal submitted to the GEC (General Education Committee) on Nov. 29, 1993. The proposal was for the inclusion of a foreign language requirement in the Wartburg Plan," Losch said.

The proposal stated, "Courses in World View (of which foreign languages are a part) concentrate on topics which provide a widened view of the world, one that takes students beyond the geographic and ideological boundaries of modern America. The objective is to increase students' knowledge of and sensitivity to concepts, issues, practices, and events which are embedded in non-American cultures."

"This proposal was approved again with no change in the current Wartburg Plan of Education on April 13, 1999," Losch said. "As far as I can see, the definition as to what a foreign language is would have to be discussed by faculty."

Vallem submitted the social work department's proposal, requesting that ASL would meet the foreign language requirement, after many Wartburg students showed interest.

"I would like to thank the students, especially the Student Senate for their work. This entire process was 99 percent student-initiated. They should just be assured that it's far from a done deal," Vallem said.

"The deaf community definitely carries a history and cultural emphasis. I was amazed at the body of literature and video material the community provides," she said.

The social work department's proposal presented its reasons why ASL should be considered a foreign language. It states, "As of 1998, 26 other states have officially recognized ASL as a foreign or indigenous language and allow credit for its study... The deaf community has several very distinctive cultural characteristics, among them are a shared language, history, cultural norms, folklore, storytelling traditions, and humor, to list a few."

SRI process and benefits examined

Sarah Braun
News Editor

Along with the end of a term also comes a familiar questionnaire, known as a Student Rating of Instruction (SRI).

SRIs are a common practice among institutions of higher education, according to Dr. Ferol Menzel, dean of faculty.

"It is very rare that you find an institution that does not use them," said Menzel.

The purpose of an SRI is feedback for professors.

"[The SRI] helps the instructors identify strengths and potential weaknesses in the course or their teaching," said Menzel. "The SRI is also a tool in faculty development."

SRIs are administered at the end of the term in each class. Tenured faculty, however, are only required to give the SRI to at least three courses they teach each year. For those faculty members who are on tenure-track, it is required they give the SRI to each student in every class taught every term.

Faculty can choose to give the SRI as much as they want for feedback purposes, Menzel said. If it is administered at any other time than at the end of the term, then the results go directly to that professor.

Even though it is not required for tenured faculty to give SRIs, many of them consider it important to give them often, Menzel said.

Dr. Donald King, professor of biology, is a tenured faculty member and has taught at Wartburg for 22 years. King said he takes the students' comments seriously.

"Even though I am tenured and am only required to sample my classes, I think it is important enough that I give the SRI to all of my classes," said King.

After a student fills out an SRI, the forms are sent to the assessment center. There, Dr. Fred Ribich, professor of psychology and director of the assessment center, compiles the results. Complete results are sent to the faculty member, and parts of the SRI are sent to the department chair for that instructor and Dean Menzel.

SRI results are an important part in a faculty's tenure portfolio, the dean said.

"It's important to point out that the SRI results are only one piece of the tenure and evaluation process, but that it is a very important piece," said Menzel.

A faculty member must teach for six years before being evaluated for tenure at Wartburg. However, some faculty are given credit for previous years of teaching and are evaluated for tenure earlier

"It is possible that a faculty member may not be granted tenure and that has happened at Wartburg. For example, a professor may be a good researcher but not a good teacher," said Menzel.

The results of the SRI, however, do not affect pay for faculty members, since Wartburg uses an across-the-board pay rate, said Menzel.

Menzel said she wants to encourage students to fill out the SRI.

"I want students to know that their voices are an important part of the evaluation process. Students should not blow off filling out the SRIs. They owe it to themselves, the faculty member and students who take that class in the future," said Menzel.

Menzel admitted that not every faculty member will agree with the student's comments, but they will read them and take them seriously.

Menzel also stressed that if a student has a problem, he or she should talk with that instructor instead of waiting to fill out the SRI at the end of the term.

"Most faculty members do respond to students' comments. Faculty are here because they want to teach, so they will listen," said Menzel.

Weekday chapel attendance discussed

Kacy Burg
Senior Reporter

As students become busy at the end of the semester, they might be less likely to attend chapel.

According to the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, director of church relations, the number of students who attend chapel on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays usually starts out high at the beginning of the year and then decreases as students become busy with other activities.

"Chapels usually run about 60 to 75 people in the fall," she said.

However, she said that times like final exams are especially tough, not just for students but for faculty and staff. She said that everyone becomes stressed and busy during these times. Bouzard added that people often schedule appointments and meetings during chapel time.

"But then there are times like yesterday," Bouzard said, referring to Wednesday's chapel. "I bet we had 150 people there."

Bouzard said it's important that higher numbers of students attend chapel in the beginning of the year because that's the time when new students learn about chapel and returning students start making it part of their weekly routines. She said that the opportunity to attend a worship service more often than only Saturday or Sunday is a foreign thing to many people.

"I think for most of our students—unless they come from parochial schools—they haven't had the opportunity to make that part of their daily lives," she said.

Bouzard said she feels weekday chapels offer students, faculty and staff the chance to receive messages from different people.

"It's such a great time to get to hear from so many different people that you wouldn't normally get to meet," she said.

Bouzard added that she thinks most students who attend chapel have made it part of their routines, so they are less likely to schedule something else during that time, even at the busy end of the semester.

"The students that come regularly come because it's part of their life and they would miss it if they didn't come," she said.

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> ***Rev. Ramona Bouzard,***
> *director of church relations*

Sophomore Helen Severe said that she usually makes chapel part of her day.

"It's convenient, and it helps me set my focus for the day," Severe said.

Bouzard said she thinks students who don't attend chapel probably have not gone with their friends. She said that maybe they didn't enjoy it once and then didn't make it part of their scheduled routine.

"I don't know that students always know what a wealthy opportunity it is to hear all of these messages from different people," she said.

She said more people typically attend when one of the musical groups performs at a service. Bouzard said she thinks what encourages most people to go is a personal invitation from a friend.

Sophomore Jennifer Kluiter said she wishes she could go to chapel more often but that she becomes too busy.

"I don't go on Sunday much, although I wish I could go more," she said. "But that's the only day I get to sleep in. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, chapel break is my only break because I have classes from 7:45 until 1 and then I work. It's my only break to switch books and relax."

Bouzard said that chapel attendance tends to run in ups and downs for each person.

"It's interesting to watch," she said. "Some people come a lot during their first year and then get busy with other things, but then a lot of them start coming back again around December of their senior year, when they realize that they won't be able to do this anymore."

Bouzard said she especially encourages people to take a break from their hard work to attend chapel Wednesday. It will be a special chapel in honor of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Dr. Frederick Strickert, professor of religion. She said the choir will be singing and there will be a short reception in the entrance area for students, faculty and staff to say hello to Strickert.

"He is just a really humble person," she said. "We wanted to take time to give thanks to God for the gift of Dr. Strickert."

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Final thoughts

Aaron Buzza

Well, here we are, near the end of the second term. And what's on my mind? A lot, really.

1. Wartburg College... While I've got some ears and eyes, how about cooling it on increases on tuition and enrollment? I'm gone in just a few weeks, but not after paying more to go here every year. And did you bother to increase the amount I got for my scholarship? No, couldn't do that. Then we couldn't offer more money to more students so we could have record enrollment each year.

But wait. That makes money for the college. But what about when some of the top recruits turn Wartburg down or leave after a year because they're sick of living in a lounge or not getting increases in financial aid equal to the increases in tuition?

2. And as long as I've got the attention of those involved with money...

Why do students here have to pay the postage on a letter or package if someone decides to send us something and didn't put enough postage on it? In the real world, that would be returned to the sender. Why isn't it here?

Wow, for once, it isn't the controller's office that is the recipient of my critical remarks here. They're just the unfortunate pawns in this U.S. Postal game.

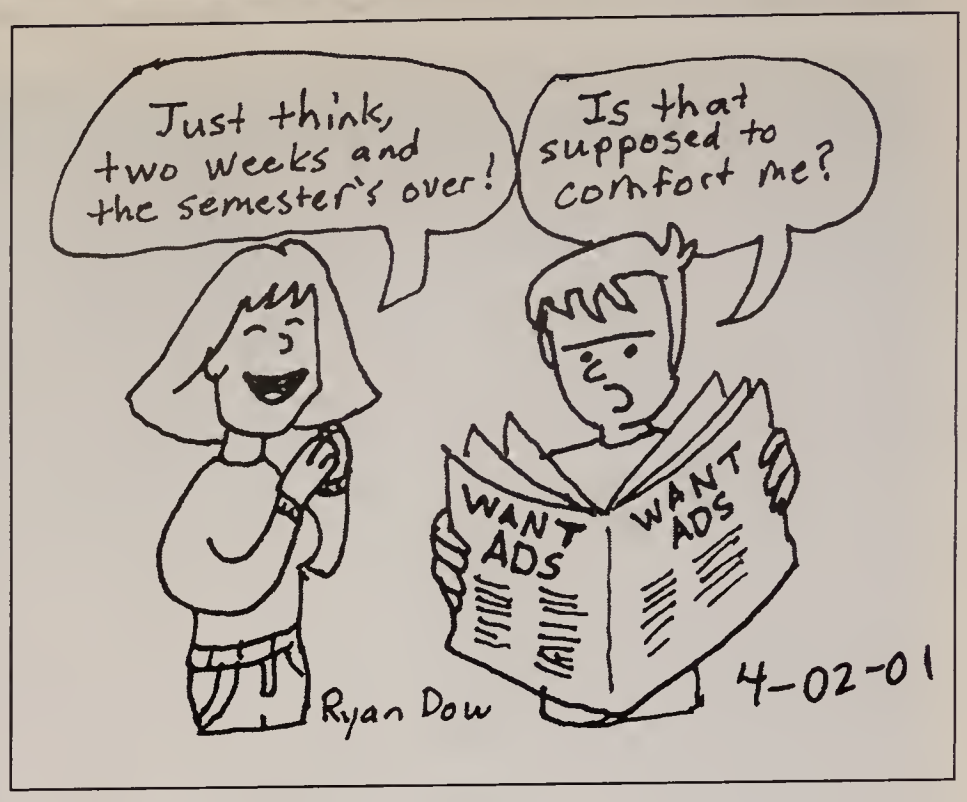
3. I talked to a recent graduate of Texas Tech, and he was excited about the possibility of more top recruits becoming Red Raiders, the basketball program being more recognized nationally. A "hell, yeah," even crossed his lips (along with a threat to his wife that they would move back to Lubbock) all because the now famous orange juice salesman signed on to coach their men's basketball team.

I guess I'd be excited, too. But I just wonder how long it will be before the administration of Texas Tech has to implement portions of their "Bobby Knight emergency plan."

4. Parking in V-Lot when you're registered to park in C- or D-Lot. Come on. It is that much farther and I am above the rules. And it is only on weekends that I do it. Why shouldn't I protest those tickets? I have just as much right to park there as anyone else does, even though they pay more to park there. It is all just part of life. Deal with it. Maybe if I'm parked in "your spot" in "your lot" you should just try mine out for size.

Right.

5. Ah, spring. I am excited about baseball and softball and track getting under way. I just wish the weather was cooperative, and Hertel Field didn't have an Enron-esque ramp to the fences in center field. It doesn't look good there and it sure doesn't look good here. Hopefully we will be making a World Series appearance again this year...but we'll probably have to postpone things due to snow. That is the way things are looking now.



Don't put people in categories

Erin Madson

I helped with the Special Olympics Saturday, March 24. I tried to enjoy it, but it seemed like many of the volunteers thought I was a participant rather than a volunteer. That bothered me, and it bothered me that it bothered me. I knew I shouldn't be ashamed to be put in that category, yet I was.

I noticed differences in the way people talked to me, pointedly nice, like they might address a three-year-old when asking her to pick up her toys. I have no doubt the volunteers genuinely liked the athletes, but there's nothing like that "because you are different we must treat you differently" tone to put one ill at ease.

I felt like I had one foot in each world, being one of "them" and one of "us" at the same time. I was angry with myself for unconsciously dividing everyone into groups. I know I'm different, and that goes for every other disabled person on the planet. Yet beneath the surface are some amazing people who carry a weight others have never dreamed of.

As I looked around the fieldhouse, I was amazed at how many of "them" we had pushed into the cracks of society, choosing to ignore these reminders of human fragility. Here were other human beings with thoughts and opinions of their own, yet because of the stigma that goes along with being disabled in our society they were discounted as worthless.

A friend of mine from high school has cerebral palsy. She is bound to a wheelchair, she can't talk and she can't control her movements. She will never be able to live on her own, yet she accepts it and makes the best of the life she has. She knows the value of being alive. I learned a valuable lesson from her—live each day to the fullest, and be the best person you can be.

So reject societal stereotypes. The next time you see someone whom you consider "retarded," go up and talk to that person. You'll be surprised!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, March 24, I was reminded why I love Wartburg College so much. I had the pleasure of observing and interacting with over 200 student volunteers through the Special Olympics Unified Sports Day, the Volunteer Action Center "Spring into Service" day, and the Lambda Pi Eta Teeter-Totter Marathon. What I encountered was a group of volunteers who set aside any differences and prejudices they may have and come together to make our community a better place.

What also pleased me was the time and energy faculty and staff gave by supporting and participating in these various service activities. I have the pleasure of working with faculty, staff, and students on a regular basis, but I am always thankful when the whole Wartburg community can come together and work towards a common cause.

However, the one thing that pleased me the most was how the students actively recruited faculty and staff to participate. I was just standing around, observing the teeter-tottering, when one of the students asked if I wanted to participate. I did and I had a blast teetering and tottering while talking to some of the Comm Arts students. I was reminded that we live in a society in which all of us have different views, beliefs, and attitudes. Although, in order for all of us to come together and to give back to our communities, all it takes is to someone to ask another person to participate. Even if an individual doesn't appear to want to participate or support service, if you take time to ask him/her to get involved, you could be making a difference in that person's life. Service has always been a strong part of my life. Saturday helped me to realize that I have been very fortunate to have been a part of Wartburg's community.

Sincerely,

Dale E. Rush, Community Service Coordinator

Dear Editor,

Giving of ourselves to benefit others in our community is often an unappreciated quality. I would like to thank a few of those who gave something back to our Wartburg community to make Health Fair '01 on Wednesday, March 21st, a positive success.

First, I would like to thank the members of the planning committee: Matt McNamara, Leah Sieren, Chris Knudson, Theresa Fruehling, Jessica Anderson, Karla Flynn, Kristin Nieman, Anna McColley, Shannon Pearson, Abby Stockham, Coby Carstens, Kacy Burg, and Sara Stensland. Campus exhibitors included: AWARE, SHAC, Wartburg Counseling Center, SMART, Student Athletic Trainers, EARTH, Karate Club, Campus Ministry, and the Health and Wellness Center.

The mock accident was made possible with the help from the following Wartburg students and staff members: Jake Hesse, Leah Sieren, Aaron Scharnweber, Stephanie Mangles, Stephanie Blake, Jay Whannel, Linette Tibben, John Myers, Todd Johnson, Dan Cooper, Tony Lutz, Dani Matthias, CJ Yerrington, Scott Suhr, and Glade Mogel.

Thanks to Career Services, Admissions, and Linette Tibben for helping plan the high school Health Career's Day. Additional thanks to the Wartburg Student Senate for financial sponsorship, the Student Life staff for volunteering as hosts, Karen Funk and the Student Union staff, John Wuertz and Larry Dreesman with maintenance, John Myers of Campus Security, Elaina Meier and the Trumpet, and the many students who volunteered as hosts and assistants. The overall day could not have been successful without over eighty Wartburg volunteers!

Finally, I would like to especially thank Randi Ellefson and Christine Ulrichs at the Health and Wellness Center for their support and guidance throughout planning. You have all been a wonderful team to work with. Congratulations, it was great!

Thankfully,

Christopher Hill, Event Coordinator

Amy Wineinger

Contributing Writer

During this year's Family Weekend, my parents and sister were lucky to find a hotel room in Waverly. Outside the Red Fox Inn was a huge draft horse statue, and for us, its presence stood for nothing more than a comical photo opportunity for my sister. Little did we know the reason every hotel in Waverly was full was because of that horse statue. Out of nowhere entered the biannual horse auction.

For my Chicagoan family, this event seemed at first to be a small town "Iowa-thing," but it instead proved to be a vast mix of culture and history for Waverly and for people all over the nation.

The horse sale may be a far off concern for Wartburg students, but its place in Waverly's heritage is just as important as the college itself. Some may think the only diversity brought to Waverly are Wartburg students from all over the world, but twice a year since the 1950s, Waverly morphs into a hub for many people from different backgrounds and different locations. They come together amidst cultural differences, but they all share some things in common—horses, memories and laughter.

The auction takes place on Fifth Avenue past the Bartels Lutheran home. The streets are filled with cars, trailers and people making their way to the center of the action. Due to their religious beliefs, the Amish arrange rides to the auction.

The auction itself is a place where farmers, breeders or horse owners can sell and buy both draft (work) and light (riding) horses. Many people come to the auction just to take in the sights and enjoy being with their families.

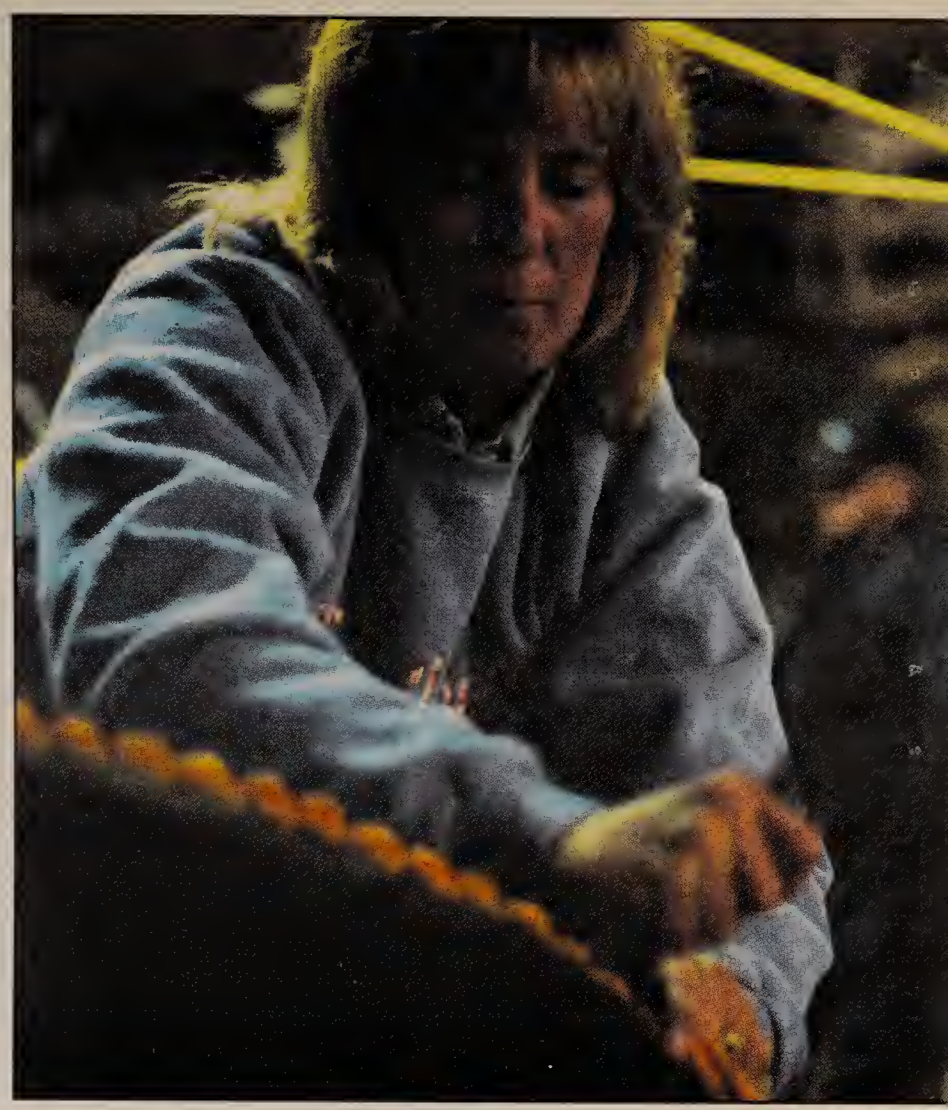
"Sometimes I come out of pure curiosity. It is an interesting thing. This year I just want to look," said Charles Sokol of Missouri.

For others, like 18-year-old Lester Nisley of Fairbank, Iowa, coming to a horse sale is a natural thing.

"My family raises horses, so I've been to a lot of auctions. I just watch and help get the horses through," Nisley said.

Many older people said that coming to this particular horse sale has become a tradition for them.

"I've been coming to the Waverly auction for over 25 years now. Some years I buy and sell, others I just watch. It's a very good auction, so a lot of people come. I've recognized other people who come here over the years, and I've started to make friends. I see them every time I come," said Glen Determann of Wall Lake, Iowa.



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Above—An Amish man chats with a prospective pal and buyer of one of his horses.

Right—This young Amish boy curiously watches as his brothers ready a horse for the auction.

Above—These Amish teens enjo Waverly.

Right—On a cold rainy day, this

Left—This woman hurries to beautify her horse by braiding his mane before he is shown in the auction.

Above—This Amish man looks on as his family makes a sale.

The actual location and surroundings of the horse sale are extremely spread out. Makeshift stores are set up along the way into the main arena, selling everything from horse bridles to cowboy hats. Open barns and pastures are filled with horses waiting for their assigned times to enter the selling floor.

Inside the huge barn, horses fill every stall, being groomed and prepped for sale. In order to make the horses look more appealing to potential buyers, horses' hooves are painted black and their manes and tails are sometimes braided with bows.

"I've been coming here for 46 years, and every time people do things to make their animals look nice. It really does work, though," said Raymond Mester of Hazelton, Iowa.

The auction itself is a hectic and action-filled place. Auctioneers with extraordinarily fast voices introduce the horses as they step out into the center ring. Soon the bidding begins as the horses' owners run them around the ring to show off the horses' talent.

"You know a horse is a good one by their configuration. They should have straight legs, a good height and move well. You can also tell if they're good by how far they can pick up their knees," said Robert Paxell of Le Sueur, Minn.

Aside from the business aspect of the horse sale, many different personalities and cultures can be seen. Many Amish people come to the horse sale because one of their main sources of income comes from raising and selling horses. For some Amish children, coming to the sale is a huge deal.

"It is my first time here and the first time that I have ever missed school. I like it because I'm interested in horses," said Richard Solter, 16, of Bloomfield, Iowa.

People also come from states ranging from Texas to Maryland.

It was easy to tell that the people involved in the horse sale were very excited to be receiving some publicity from Wartburg. William Nielson of Dike, Iowa, was ecstatic about college-aged kids taking an interest in the community's happenings.

"It's just great to see. More people should get involved," Nielson said.

The Waverly horse auction is one of those events that students know exists, but most do not actually go. Because of its history and tradition, the sale may be something that all Wartburg students should experience at least once for a change of scenery. Waverly may be a small town, but when it draws different people in, the effects of the diversity are not only noticeable but fun.

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Campus Briefs

TORNADO DRILL WEDNESDAY

Wartburg will participate in the National Weather Service's Severe Weather Week by taking shelter when Waverly activates its tornado sirens Wednesday between 10 and 10:30 a.m. Upon hearing the siren or being told to take shelter, everyone will proceed immediately to the closest designated shelter area. Everyone will remain there until the "all clear" siren is activated.

CONGRATULATIONS FORENSICS

The Wartburg College Forensics team traveled to Boise, ID, this past weekend to compete in the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament. The team placed 15th out of 57 teams. Those competing were Becca Andersen, Hiliary Baethke, Emily Stoltman, Erin Koskovich and Megan Myhre.

POSTER SESSION

Students, staff and faculty are invited to attend the Science Poster Session from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Buhr Lounge. Approximately 60 students from the biology and computer science departments will present the results of their research. Refreshments will be served.

MEET THE PROS

The Marketing, Advertising and Communication Professionals of Northeast Iowa are sponsoring a Meet the Pros night Wednesday from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cedar Falls Holiday Inn. Speakers from all aspects of communication, graphic design and advertising are holding workshops for students interested in these careers. For more information, contact Penny Sund, Wartburg graphic designer at sund or 8525.

RACE DIALOGUE

The final Race Dialogue of the year will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the East Room. The dialogue is sponsored by Culture Awareness Organization and will be moderated by Dr. Les Huth. For questions contact Tim at 7654.

KNIGHT ELEGANCE TICKETS

A Knight of Mystery will be held Friday at the Red Fox Inn. Tickets are available in the Jousting Post. The cost is only $1 for the dance (8 p.m. to midnight) or $3 for the dance and dinner, which begins at 7 p.m. Decorate a mask to wear for the evening Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. in Buhr Lounge. Materials will be provided by ETK.

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The first issue of A Knight's Armor is here. Pick up copies of Wartburg's first faith-centered magazine Tuesday. Issues will be available around campus.

Armstrong to receive award

Communication & Marketing
Press Release

Matthew Armstrong, lecturer in music, has been selected to receive the newly renamed John O. Chellevold Student Award for Excellence in Teaching and Professional Service this year.

Armstrong will address the eighth annual Excellence in Teaching and Scholars convocation at Wartburg Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium. The title of his address is "Embracing the Light." Following his address, the Wartburg Choir will sing "Credo," one of Armstrong's compositions. The public is invited to attend without charge.

Armstrong teaches music education methods, conducts the Ritterchor and serves as composer-in-residence at the college. He is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Iowa.

As part of this convocation, outstanding seniors in each academic discipline, emerti faculty, recipients of the Dean's Honor Cords, student research and scholarship, the Loret Ruppe International Student Scholars, honor societies and the winner of Wartburg's outstanding advisor award will also be recognized.

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TOOT THAT HORN—Junior Shawn Akbar, sophomore Tony Brezina and senior Kim Smith jazz up the Castle Singers and Knightliters concert Saturday night.

Stress relief available during finals week

Emily Block
Senior Reporter

With finals week being a stressful time for students, many activities are planned to relieve some of their stress.

Clinton Hall will have 22-hour quiet hours starting Saturday. However, during the "social hour" between 9 and 10 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, the Clinton Hall Council will provide a study break and treats for the residents of Clinton, according to sophomore Drew Boxrud, president of the hall council.

"Hopefully that will be a good break for everyone," Boxrud said. "Too much studying could be a bad thing."

Clinton Hall is not the only residence hall that provides a break. While the Manors do not have any plans yet, they provided a break for the residents last semester, according to junior Lisa Boelk, a representative in the hall council.

"We had a great turnout for last semester's cookie party," Boelk said. "About 40 people showed up and made their own cookies and socialized." Plans are still undecided for this semester.

The hall council at the Complex also has plans in progress. They held a root beer keg about a month ago that went over very well, so they are planning another during finals week, said freshman Laura Nielsen, president of the hall council.

Breaks are not just being planned for the residence halls. Sophomore Sherri Hoke, an RA in Grossmann, said her floormates are planning a break for themselves.

"We're going to be doing face masks because it's fast and relaxing," Hoke said. "We don't want to do something where we'll be gone for too long, but it will be a good break."

Hoke said their break is not going to be during finals week. Instead, they will take their break during the week leading up to finals.

"[The week before finals] seems more stressful than the week of finals, and you never know when people will be leaving during finals week," Hoke explained.

Some individuals, like sophomore Kristin Potratz, are making an effort to help their friends relieve some stress.

"After I'm done with all of my finals, on Tuesday I'm going to make breakfast for them [my suitemates]," Potratz said. "That way I can accommodate their needs and make them feel special and loved."

Just before finals week begins will be the traditional Midnight Breakfast Sunday from 11 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Many students are able to relieve some of their stress by attending.

"I never miss it because the professors are serving, and it's fun to watch them," Hoke said.

With the variety of activities being planned leading up to and during finals week, sophomore Julia Walsh, an RA in the Complex, thinks that students should take advantage of these stress relievers.

"I encourage everyone to be active in floor activities because it's a great stress reliever, and it's a good time," Walsh said.

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Campus unites to support family

Cassy Dearborn
Contributing Writer

The Wartburg community has come together to support the Franzen family during their recent hardships.

Mark and Kris Franzen, both Wartburg alums, live in Knights Village where they serve as the residential directors of the Manors and Knights Village. Mark also serves as head men's and women's golf coach and assistant men's basketball coach while Kris serves as assistant director of residential life.

The Franzens recently had a baby girl named Megan. Megan was born prematurely with a brain that was not fully developed. She weighed four pounds at birth, and only gained an ounce over the first two weeks.

In response to the family's need to cover medical costs, many people and groups have provided support through the ordeal. The golf teams sent gas cards and other small needed supplies. Residential and student life also sent a care package with money and a fruit basket from Student Senate to the family. Student Senate approved a $2,000 donation to the Franzens.

"We are very overwhelmed with the thoughts and prayers of the college," said Mark Franzen. "The friendly and caring nature of the college has really been shown during these past couple of weeks."

Also begun in support of the family was the Franzen fund. The Rev. Larry Trachte, college pastor and assistant professor in religion, is in charge of the fund. According to the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, director of church relations, the fund is actually a student needs fund that people donate to all year so if sudden deaths in families or other situations arise, the college can help students out. Right now the donations for this fund are being sent to the Franzens.

If people wish to donate to the fund they should send a check to Wartburg College designating it to the student needs fund-Franzen or contact Trachte at Ext. 8217.

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BANNED—Freshman Scott Budlong will no longer be able to ride his scooter in the skywalks thanks to a new policy from campus security. According to security, riding scooters inside Wartburg College buildings will not be allowed, effective immediately. Scooters may be ridden outside on campus sidewalks. Security said that safety concerns prompted this action. For questions, contact campus security at Ext. 8372.

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Knights win big

Lance Ridpath
Senior Reporter

Even the weather couldn't stop the Wartburg offense thus far this season.

Despite a damp outfield and snow drifts in the warning track, the show went on at Hertel Field as the Knights beat Dubuque 12-0 and 8-2 Sunday. Thursday, the Knights slaughtered their perennial arch rivals, the Luther Norse, in back-to-back games, 8-0 and 14-2. Both series' start times were delayed because of field conditions.

The Knights rallied behind the pitching of sophomore Pat Smith to down Dubuque in the first game Sunday. The Knights put all 12 runs on the board in the first two innings, and that's all Smith would need. He and junior teammate Eric Kaestner combined for the shutout.

The second game saw an offensive explosion as senior catcher Matt Thede, sophomore third baseman Kevin Huston and senior center-fielder Jay Bollman all hit home runs in the 8-2 win.

In action earlier this week against Luther the Knights kicked things off with a two-run first inning. Thede, playing his last regular season game against the Norse, hit a home run his first trip to the plate.

From that point on, the Wartburg bats lay dormant until the bottom of the sixth when the Knights slammed six runs off Norse pitchers Alex Smith and Josh Jansen.

Senior Luke Fortenberry pitched a complete game shutout. The southpaw from Louisiana allowed only one walk and struck out six. Thede and Jay Bollman completed the first game with two hits apiece.

In the second game of the twinbill, the Knights started things off well again with a three-run boost in the first inning. Senior pitcher Gary Hess kept the lead intact. Apart from a giving up a two-run spurt in the top of the third, the Knights defense played an outstanding game, yielding only four walks and no errors.

Leading 7-2, Wartburg doubled its run production, scoring seven runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. The game ended when sophomore pitcher Chris Goerdt struck out three Norse batters in the top of the seventh.

Hess picked up his third win of the season striking out three and allowing three walks. Pitcher Dan Riebe of Luther lasted only two innings, dropping his record to 0-1. The Knights were helped by four Norse errors.

Thede finished the afternoon going an impressive six for six with three home runs and six RBIs. The wins helped the Knights gain sole possession of first place in the Iowa Conference.

The Knights return to action Tuesday when they hit the road to play against Coe in a doubleheader at Xavier High School in Marion.

Softball update

The Wartburg Knights softall team split a double-header with St. Thomas Saturday in Minneapolis.

St. Thomas took the first game 6-4. The Knights rebounded to win the second game 5-0.

"We improve with each game we play and we're really excited to play conference teams," junior Alisa Steffan said.

The Knights open at home Tuesday against Upper Iowa. They take on Coe at home Thursday and round out their week at Mt. Vernon against Cornell.

Janna Swedin/TRUMPET
THROWING A STRIKE—Sophomore Pat Smith unloads a pitch against Dubuque Sunday. Smith pitched four innings of shutout ball to beat the Dubuqe Spartans 12-0 in the opening game of the 3 p.m. double-header.

Record-breaking meet

Dohlman, Joseph, 400 relay qualify for nationals

Kenny Wilcox
Staff Writer

Wartburg's track and field team headed south to Kirksville, Mo., for the Truman State Open Saturday. The Knights produced some top times and national meet qualifications against a number of DII schools.

Freshman Dia Dohlman established a new school record and qualified for nationals in the javelin with a winning throw of 138-04. It was Dohlman's first ever competition in the javelin.

The women's 400 meter relay squad of freshman Sarah Tompkins and juniors Brianne Schoonover, Susie Reinhardt and Liz Jaben provisionally qualified, winning in 48.60.

"[It was a] good time early in the season, [but] we have a couple of things to work on," said Reinhardt.

The women's 1600 meter relay came through with a second place finish in 3:58.34 as freshman Nicole Dougherty, Schoonover, Jaben and Tompkins carried the baton for the Knights.

Senior Melissa Stensland led the field events with a third place finish in the shot put and a throw of 42-09. Stensland also turned out a fourth place finish in the discus with a toss of 127-00.

Juniors Erin VanZee, Amie Brunko and Schoonover turned in times of 2:23.43, 2:24.23 and 2:25.00 respectively in the 800 meter run as they anchored down places three through five.

VanZee and Brunko snared third and fifth place respectively in the 1500 meter run. VanZee churned out a time of 4:45.10 and Brunko finished in 4:51.95.

"The effects of our three weeks of hard training has already started to pay off," said senior captain Abby Fliehler. "I'm excited to see how fast we will go as the season progresses."

The men's squad was led by senior Miradieu Joseph's provisional qualifying effort in the 400. Joseph took second in the event and established a new record as he toured the oval in 48.07.

"I have a lot of things to work on," said Joseph. "This was a good meet to just test your gears and run."

Senior Tom Zirbel led the distance events with a second place finish in the 5000 meters. Zirbel finished in 15:06.70.

"The guys went out at a good pace," said Zirbel. "I just didn't have it the last 1000, but it is a good starting point to the outdoor season."

The 1600 relay notched another second for the Knights as freshmen Steve Bubb and Andy Six joined seniors Mark VanGorkum and Joseph. The unit brought home a time of 3:21.34.

VanGorkum secured third in the 400 hurdles with a time of 55.26.

"I'm working towards nationals, and I'm shooting for the school record," said VanGorkum.

Junior Brad Hofer completed the 800 meter run in 1:57.86, which was good enough for fourth. Junior Justin Mellmann went 9:58.95 in the 3000 meter steeple, which notched fifth place. Joseph was fifth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.03.

The Knights travel to Decorah Saturday to compete in Luther's Norse Relays.

Golf team ready to get swinging

Josh Smothers
Senior Reporter

Improvement will be the theme for the Wartburg men's golf team this season. Since head coach Mark Franzen took over the program two seasons ago, the squad has made significant improvements.

In Franzen's first season, the Knights finished sixth at the conference meet and then finished fourth last year.

"We need to continue our improvement in the area of course management," said Franzen. "We want to join the top teams in the conference, and to do that, we need to focused and score well, not just hit great shots."

Led by senior 2000 IIAC all-conference performer Josh Black, Franzen feels the 2001 team can improve on what last year's team accomplished with the help of fellow seniors Kyle Dirks, Matt Afinson, Ben Thompson, Eric Townsley, Ry Rendahl and Spencer Goettsch.

"This team is dictated by what our seniors do," said Franzen. "We have added players around them, but they deserve the credit for the progress the program has made."

Black, Afinson, Thompson, junior Mark Nemmers and freshmen Andy and Dan Schmitz made the spring trip to Arizona for early season practice late last February. The Schmitz twins were selected for the trip due to their solid fall performance, according to Franzen. Coach Franzen also expects Dirks, Goettsch, Rendahl, Townsley, and University of Iowa freshman transfer Shaun Guyer to compete for the top five.

The Wartburg men's golf team has a tough 2001 slate. Due to the cancellation of the Central Classic scheduled for this weekend, the squad's first meet will be April 5 at the Knox Invite in Galesburg, Ill., and then travel to the Quad Cities on April 6-7 for the Augustana Invite.

"It has been five or six years since we have had a spring like this one," said Franzen. "There is simply no place for us to go right now locally. Hopefully our course will open this week."

"We may be showing gains in the first couple of meets," added Franzen. "However, it might now show in our standings because of the competition we are facing."

The Knights will host the 2001 Iowa Conference Championships during two weekends in April. First round play is April 20-21 at Gates Park in Waterloo, while the final round is scheduled for April 27-28 at the Waverly Golf Course.